

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S6777–S6824**

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2003–2012, and S. Res. 303–307. **Pages S6816–17**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 763, to improve surface and maritime transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–178)

S. 2010, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for 8 years. **Page S6816**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 85, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2266. **Page S6871**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1329, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6820**

**National Health Information Technology Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 280, designating the week of October 2 through October 6, 2017, as “National Health Information Technology Week” to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6820**

**Filipino American History Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, recognizing the month of October 2017 as Filipino American History Month and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States. **Page S6820**

**National Principals Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, recognizing the month of October 2017 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S6820**

**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 307, designating October 26, 2017, as “Day of the Deployed”. **Page S6820**

#### Appointments:

**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, reappointed and appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Hatch (reappointment), Rubio, and Scott. **Page S6820**

**Palk Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Pages S6777–S6812**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6781–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017; that at 12 noon, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and that following disposition of the Palk nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S6821**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—250)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6821.)

## *Committee Meetings*

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **MAJOR THREATS FACING NAVAL FORCES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the major threats facing naval forces and the Navy's current and planned capabilities to meet those threats from Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and Jason A. Reynolds, Director, Special Programs, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, both of the Department of Defense.

### **COMMERCIAL SATELLITE INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the commercial satellite industry, after receiving testimony from Patricia Cooper, SpaceX, Washington, D.C.; Mark Dankberg, ViaSat, Inc., Carlsbad, California; Stephen Spengler, Intelsat, McLean, Virginia; and Greg Wyler, OneWeb, Arlington, Virginia.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, and David Ross, of Wisconsin, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Paul Trombino III, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### **WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2017", after receiving testimony from Bill Crasper, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne; Miles Moretti, Mule Deer Foundation, Salt

Lake City, Utah; and Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest, Portland, Oregon.

### **NIGERIA SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy received a closed briefing on Nigeria security from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Mike Miller, Office Director, Regional Security and Arms Transfers, both of the Department of State.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, with an amendment.

### **INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, S. 1953, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and S. 1942, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, after receiving testimony from R. Trent Shores, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Department of Justice; Bryan Rice, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Flute, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Joel Boyd, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; and Carmen O'Leary, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **WORKING AND AGING WITH DISABILITIES**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine working and aging with disabilities from school to retirement, after receiving testimony from David Michael Mank, Indiana University, Bloomington, on behalf of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities; Tamar Heller,